SUBJECTS.

70. *Certain suggestions for keeping the conduct of public officers under proper restraint and to prevent the abuse of their power.*

*Mr. T. Atchuthan Pillai* (Member, Alangad Taluk) invited the attention of Government to the necessity of finding out some device by which bribery and other wilful misconduct on the part of public servants might be more efficiently checked, so that the constant endeavour of Government to enforce efficiency might secure the desired effect. The Member pointed out that the law as it stood made the giver as well as the receiver of a bribe liable to punishment and this made direct evidence not possible. To remedy this evil, the Member proposed a black-mark system, which he described in some detail.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted.

71. *Introduction of a Motor Car Service for carrying the Anchal.*

*Mr. C. M. Narayana Panikar* (Member, Ambalapuzha Taluk) said that much inconvenience was caused by the delay in the delivery of letters, parcels, &c., through the Anchal. The Member pointed out that a Motor Car Mail Service might be introduced to run on the Main Central Road and a Steam-Boat Service on the back-water route to ensure the speedy delivery of the mails. The cost of maintaining the service might be met by savings in the salary of the Anchal runners.

*Dewan's reply.*—The question of accelerating the Anchal will be enquired into.

72. *The Jenmies who enjoy their Jenmom lands free of tax should also be classed under the head of persons qualified o elect members of the S. M. P. Assembly.*

*Mr. Eravithayar Pandarathil* (Member, Nominated) urged the desirablity of including the Jenmies, who enjoyed their Jenmom lands free of tax, under the head of persons qualified to elect members to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

*Dewan's reply.*—I shall consider this question in revising the Assembly Rules.

73. *The desirability of expanding the Legislative Council, conferring upon the Members of the S. M. P. Assembly, the right to elect the non-official Members of the Council, and to allow interpellation.*

*Mr. Narayanan Unnithan* (Member, Karthigapalli Taluk) stated that, under Regulation V of 1073, the maximum number of Members of the Legislative Council stood at 15. The Member suggested that the number should be raised to 30, so as to make it sufficiently representative in character. As at present constituted, the official members formed a majority. This might be changed and a non-official majority provided for. The Members of the S. M. P. Assembly might be given the right of electing non-official members to the Legislative Council.

*Mr. Devan Krishnan* (Member, Chengannur Taluk) urged the desirability of increasing the number of the non-official members in the Legislative Council. The present

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